

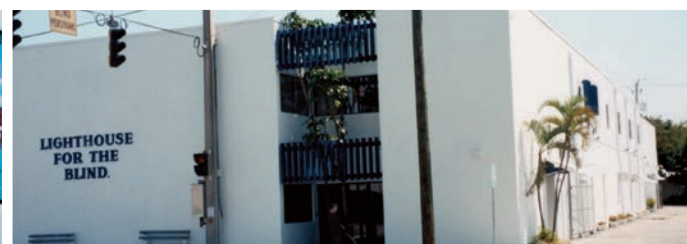


Serving the Blind and
Visually Impaired for 75 years
1946-2021



ANNUAL REPORT

2020



DEAR FRIENDS



As we enter 2021, we are all keenly aware that we are living through an unprecedented moment in time, but one thing that gives me hope is the Lighthouse's continued commitment to responding to the needs of the blind and visually impaired. During this period of uncertainty, we have been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity from our community. Private donations and grant income were up over \$50,000 in 2020, even though our fundraising events had to be postponed to the fall of 2021.

Nevertheless, it is the remarkable resilience of the Lighthouse staff that has inspired not only me, but every member of the board of directors. As soon as the pandemic hit, with everyone's safety front of mind, staff immediately transitioned to remote teaching. This change was made while also keeping clients engaged and encouraged. If that were not challenging in itself; in the fall of 2020, staff began the arduous work of diversifying the Lighthouse's list of service providers. This included finding, and moving to a new location, new vendors, and new contractors. I am encouraged by their commitment, perseverance, and dedication to the Lighthouse and our clients. I hope you will join me in celebrating this dedicated staff who assisted the board in this remarkable year of change.

As we celebrate 75 years of providing services for our community, we are also indebted to our volunteers, partners and loyal donors who have supported and championed the Lighthouse through the years. I must specifically mention Thrift, Inc. and the West Palm Beach Lions Club, whom both have been instrumental in our history and growth, as they have financially supported us all 75 years.

To those just getting to know us, we invite you to learn more about the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches through this annual report and hope you will be inspired to partner with us to continue our rewarding work.

With so much uncertainty surrounding the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on our organization and how we will need to respond to maintain services, we need your support now more than ever. Whether it's an aging senior needing training to maintain their independence, a young family seeking information, services and support due to a recent diagnosis for their young child with vision loss, or a young adult with vision loss preparing to begin their post-secondary journey; all are clients whom we have the pleasure to serve with your help. Please enjoy our 2020 annual report and thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Please stay safe!

Donté Mickens – Board Chair

75 YEAR HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1946

West Palm Beach Lions Club founds Lions Industries for the Blind and breaks ground on a new building.



1950's

Sunshine Kindergarten for the visually impaired opens.



1975

Lighthouse facilities are doubled from 8,000 square feet to 16,000 square feet.



1947

Lighthouse provides industrial employment for the blind and visually impaired until the early 2000's.



1960's

Lighthouse provides transportation to the center for rehabilitative training.



2020 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been just over a year since the first cases of COVID-19 hit South Florida causing Lighthouse's office to close. While our doors were physically closed most of this past year, we never shut down and we never stopped serving our clients. While it wasn't easy – **zoom** in on some of the highlights of 2020:



- 1 Youth Valentine's Day field trip to Downtown at the Gardens – February
- 2 Teen camping trip in St. Augustine – March
- 3 Les Dames donates \$500 to Lighthouse at their annual luncheon – March
- 4 Services Begin Virtually – April
- 5 First Virtual Summer Camp – June

- 6 10 Year Anniversary of Book Club – July
- 7 White Cane Day – October
- 8 Mary Allen Named Interim Executive Director – November
- 9 Drive-Thru Youth Holiday Party – December
- 10 Several adult clients received Walmart holiday gift cards – December

1978

The agency's name is changed to Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches to reflect its broad range of services.



1988

Low Vision services are added, with examinations conducted by a specially trained optometrist.



1992

Vito Basile (a Lighthouse industrial program employee) receives the National Blind Worker of the Year Award.



1976

Vocational services are added to help blind and visually impaired individuals succeed at jobs.



1979

The Preschool Program becomes a full-time service of the Lighthouse.



1989-1991

The Lighthouse facility adds another 11,600 square feet, along with remodeling, to accommodate the needs of the area's rapidly growing population.



2020 BY THE NUMBERS

405 
Babies, children and teens received a variety of services.


8,252
Direct service hours were provided, mostly virtually.


6 Transition students graduated from high school.


Counties served:
• Palm Beach
• Martin
• St. Lucie
• Indian River
• Okeechobee

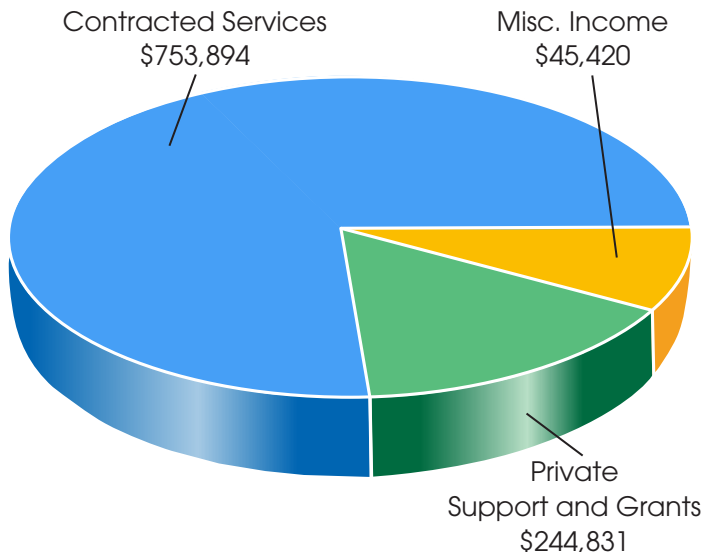

2,835
Total clients served.


210 Adults received vision rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, counseling and assistive technology training.

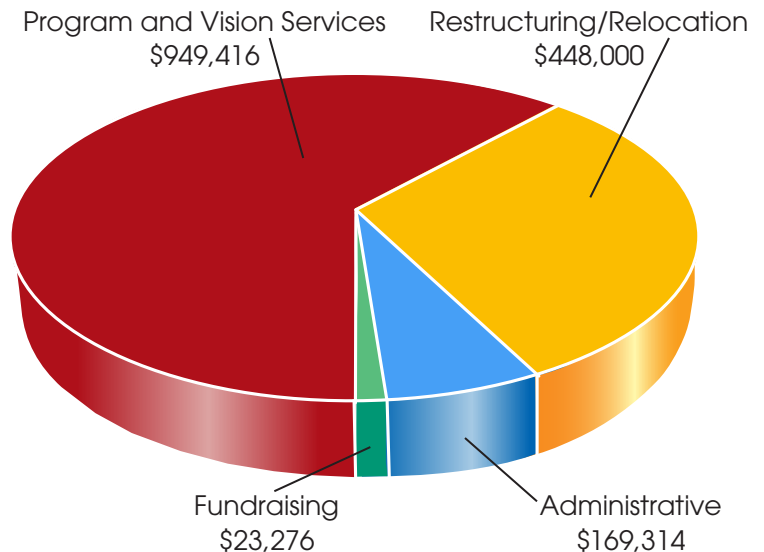

\$133,000
From ten different grants.

2020 FINANCIALS (Unaudited)

Revenue: \$1,044,145



Expenses: \$1,590,006



2008

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches relocates to 1710 Tiffany Drive East.



2011 - 2017

Lighthouse Ladies Fishing Tournament, presented by Stingray Outfitters, raises money for Lighthouse programs.



1996

Outreach Assistance for Children and Adults is added to Lighthouse services. Lighthouse celebrates its 50th Anniversary.



2012 - 2019

Lighthouse partners with Kretzer Music Foundation to present David Crohan, a blind piano virtuoso, for the *Music for the Mind Series*.



2021

Lighthouse moves to a new location, rebrands with a new logo and tagline and celebrates 75th Anniversary.





2020 DONATIONS

We are grateful for the generosity and support of the many individuals and organizations that believe in our mission. Space does not permit listing all of the many thousands of gifts given to Lighthouse in the past year.

Admiral \$50,000+

Cecil H. and Charlotte Hackett
Charitable Trust

Captain - \$10,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous
The Batchelor Foundation
Community Foundation for
Palm Beach and Martin
Counties/Season to Share
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County – PBC Cares
Maria A. Ventura

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Dewey and Doris Anderson
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Jorgensen Foundation
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Mariner - \$1,000 - \$4,999

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Friend - \$250 - \$499

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MISSION: To assist persons with visual impairments to develop their capabilities to the fullest, and to utilize them in the pursuits of life, which are the right and privilege of all.

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the
DATE

FOR THIS
VISIONARY
EVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2021

75TH ANNIVERSARY "EYE BALL"



The evening includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner & dancing. Entertainment provided by visually impaired performers. Sponsorships, tables and tickets are available.

Visit the website or contact Terri Neil, tneil@lhpb.org
or call 561-586-5600 ext. 210

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Donté Mickens	Chris Downs	Robert Gregory, III	Allen Preston

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Roshan Massoumi	Carmencita Mitchell	Martin Zipern
	Maryam Mohajer	

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks to your generosity, Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches is able to meet the needs of the visually impaired and blind in our community. There are many ways to give your support and make a difference! Consider planned giving through your estate planning or will.

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